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### Additional Products to Require GMP Certification

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**Report Highlights:**

TH9164 The Thai Food and Drug Administration has added ready-to-cook and ready-to-eat food as well as rice-based noodles to the list of foods subject to production processes, production equipment and food storage as described in the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) notification No. 193.

### Additional Products to Require GMP Certification

On October 16, the Thai Food and Drug Administration notified WTO (G/SPS/N/THA/30/Add.1), an amendment of the Notification of Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) No. 193 B.E. 2543 (2000) regarding production processes, production equipment, and food storage. The MOPH notification aims to add ready-to-cook and ready-to-eat food as well as rice-based noodles to foods, which are subject to production processes, production equipment and food storage described in MOPH notification No. 193. Ready-to-cook food falling under this notification is ready-to-cook food with ingredients, which have been clearly separated in the unit packing container. Ready-to-eat food under this notification also includes bakery products other than bread. (Bread already has its own MOPH Notification). Foods of animal origin other than sausages, fermented sausages, ham, and meat balls will also now fall under MOPH Notification No. 193. This notification will take effect 180 days after being published in the Royal Gazette.

When this notification takes effect, importers of ready-to-cook, ready-to-eat, and rice-based noodles, must hold certificates of production processes, production equipment, and food storage not inferior to criteria as prescribed in the MOPH Notification No. 193. Generally, Certificate of Free Sale issued by the U.S. government agency is acceptable. However, the certificate must indicate that the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process meets Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) or equivalent. In addition, the name of the food manufacturer and products produced must be clearly stated in the certificate. A copy of MOPH No. 193 regarding the production processes, production equipments, and food storage is available at [http://www.qmaker.com/fda/new/images/cms/top\\_upload/1147229600\\_193-43\(update\).pdf](http://www.qmaker.com/fda/new/images/cms/top_upload/1147229600_193-43(update).pdf)

The draft of the proposed amended notification is available below:

(Draft)

Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

Re: Amendment of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 193) B.E. 2543 (2000)

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It deems appropriate to amend the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Production Processes, Production Equipments, and Foods Storages

By the virtue of provisions of Section 5 and 6 (7) of the Food Act B.E. 2522 (1979), in which contain provisions in relation to the restriction of Rights and Liberties of the Persons, in respect of which Section 29 and in conjunction with Section 33, Section 41, Section 43, and Section 45 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand so permit by virtue of provisions of law; the Minister of Public Health hereby issues the notification as follows:

Clause 1. The following expression shall be added as phrases (58) and (59) of Clause 1 of the notification of the Ministry of Public health (No. 193) B.E. 2543 (2000), Re: Production Processes, Production Equipments, and Foods Storages, dated 19th September B.E. 2543 (2000).

“(58) Ready-to-Cook Food and Ready-to-Eat Food

(58.1) Ready-to-Cook Food of which ingredients have been clearly separated into unit

packing in the container.

(58.2) Ready-to-Eat Foods, which are the following:

(58.2.1) Bakery products other than bread prescribed by the MOPH

Notification re: Bread

(58.2.2) Food of animal origin other than meat products prescribed by the

MOPH Notification re: Certain Meat Products

(59) Rice-based noodles that are fresh noodles, semi-dry small noodles and small dry noodles.”

Clause 2. Any company received Food Manufacturing License or Food Production License, which premise is not recognized as factory, for food in accordance with Clause 1 (58) and (59), prior to this notification and do not follow to Clause 2 and Clause 3 of the MOPH Notification No. 193 B.E. 2543 (2000) dated 19 September B.E. 2543 (2000) shall improve or provide certificates, as the case may be, to follow to this notification within two years as from the effective date of this notification.

Clause 3. This notification shall come into force after 180 days after the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

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